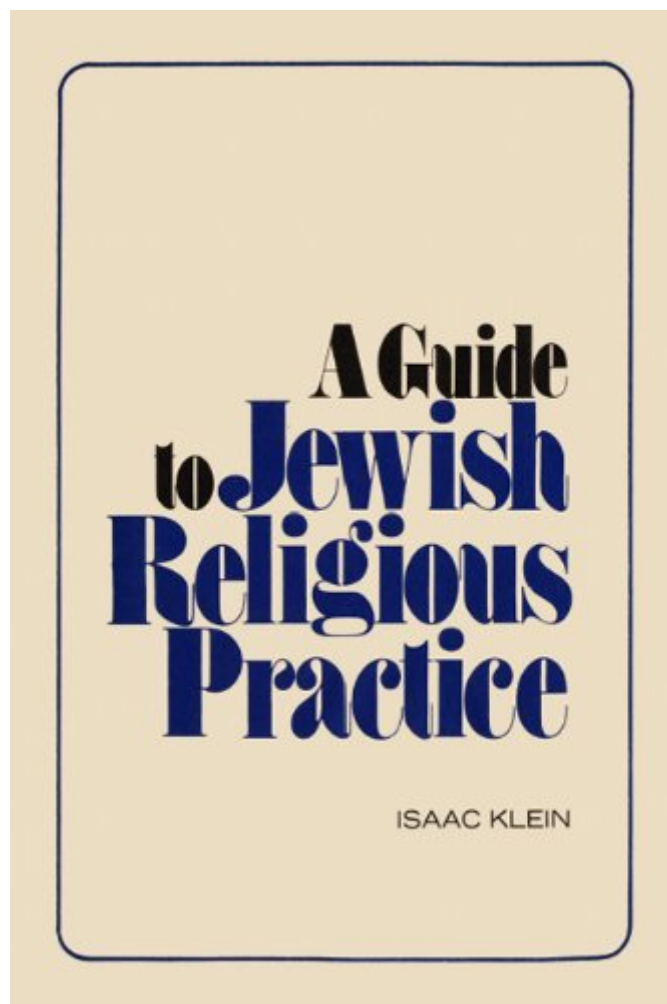


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# A Guide To Jewish Religious Practice



## Synopsis

Electronic, searchable edition of the most detailed and comprehensive guide to Jewish practice for home and synagogue from positions of Conservative (and neo-Orthodox) Judaism. The many subjects treated in the volume are discussed in the light of traditional Jewish sources (Bible, Talmud, Codes, Responsa, etc.), and are fully referenced for authentication and further study. The topics covered include virtually everything that might be of interest to the modern Jew: the laws of kashrut and how to keep a kosher home; the meaning and significance of the holidays and how to observe them at home and in the synagogue; laws governing such key life events as marriage, divorce, birth, adoption, conversion, death, and many others. In addition, the volume includes full discussions, from the Jewish point of view, of such pressing issues of current concern as euthanasia, organ transplantation, abortion, autopsy, artificial insemination and women's rights. Also included are relevant decisions of the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards of the Rabbinical Assembly. A Guide to Jewish Religious Practice deserves an honored place in every Jewish home. Impressive for its thoroughness and authority, it provides an answer to the frequently heard question: What must one do to lead a Jewish life?

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This well-written work succinctly provides a plethora of Jewish religious practices, addressing differences among: American/Israeli, Ashkenazi/Sephardi, & (at least to a degree) Conservative-Masorti/Orthodox Jews. It includes an Appendix/Supplement by R. Joel Roth explaining the practices for modification of Conservative Jewish normative laws (e.g. the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards) and providing updates to the main text since its publication. The text follows the tradition of Maimonides' Mishneh Torah & Joseph Caro's Shulkhan Arukh in its contents & the Rama [R. Moses Isserles, 1510-72] in its presentation--p. xxv: "Isserles added the practices that obtained in the Eastern Europe of his era, & I have added the practices that obtain in the present-day Conservative synagogue." Klein gives differing interpretations from major sources as well as past & present common practices--including superstitions. I read it cover-to-cover & enjoyed it thoroughly. However, it does not address spiritual practices [see Buxbaum's "Jewish Spiritual Practices" ASIN: 0876688326], & has the normative extroverted bias, e.g. saying public prayer is "conducive to greater solemnity & exaltation." Mystics would heartily disagree IMHO. It also has some unusual spellings--e.g. Qaddish vs. Kaddish. There is a marking error on the top right of pp. 41-52: "Daily Prayer" should be "Blessings for Various Occasions." But, these are all minor annoyances considering the overall loveliness/value of the book. The only major criticism is that many words/phrases are given in Hebrew without good/consistent transliteration, & no glossary is provided. Klein provides some valuable observations worth mentioning: p.

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